

# JEFFREY URGES U. S. TO LET FRANCE AND AMERICA WITH GUNS

Representative Glass, Defending Administration's Conduct of War Preparations, Says French Field Marshal Desired to Avoid Delays, Save Cargo Space and Keep Down Enormous Cost of Shipment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Representative Glass, in a speech delivered in the house today, came to the defense of the administration, answered the charges contained in Senator Chamberlain's statement of the war department and denied that the American war machine has "fallen down."

Mr. Glass followed Senator Chamberlain's speech, point by point, and praised the work of the administration in each instance. He said that it was the war department and not the administration that was responsible for the delay in the shipment of American troops to France.

Referring to the difficulties which the administration faced at the outbreak of the war, representative Glass pointed out the success of the selective draft as a remarkable achievement. He said:

"Not until the third year of the war could Great Britain venture to apply partially a conscription law. Not until a few months ago could Canada do so. In our country, however, we have had the original estimate. This year we will have in France more than 1,000,000 men."

Referring to the machine gun controversy, Mr. Glass asserted that the Browning gun was selected in June, 1917, and that it was the best machine gun in the world.

"The only gun on which the critics have not been able to find a fault," he said, "is the Lewis gun. It was immediately available, while deliveries of the Browning gun will be delayed, and it was this broken record in face of expert testimony to the effect that in tests the Lewis gun had utterly failed with American ammunition."

Thousands of Machine Guns.—"The American army in France has thousands of machine guns," he said, "it is as well equipped with guns as any army in Europe. Perhaps better equipped than the German army. And so set of malcontents should be permitted to deceive the people of this country into the disturbing supposition that our fighting forces in France are suffering in equipment of any kind."

Four Deaths Among 20,000 Men.—Regarding the health of soldiers in

## High Cost Of Laughing

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7.—"Jake brings his money home, but he holds out \$1.50 every week. It ain't right," a west side father told the juvenile court.

"What do you do with your money?" the court asked the youth.

Jake explained he went to a burlesque show to laugh.

"Listen to him," the father shouted. "Abe Greenbaum at the ice cream parlor at the corner can make him laugh a week for nothing."

## Says Pancho And 'Hip' On Rio Grande

Mexican Consulate Has Word They're Trying For A Port.

Reports that Francisco Villa, with a small band of followers, has been located in the vicinity of Presidio Viejo, down the river from Guadalupe, were received Thursday morning at the Mexican consulate.

It was reported that Villa had arrived near the river, joining his brother, Hipolito, and that they were proceeding, with a small number of men, along the river with the intention of making a raid into the United States, presumably to get ammunition.

According to another report, Villa has a large quantity of bullion on hand, and his purpose in going to the river is to seize a small border port and communicate with his agents in Chihuahua City. A large force of federal troops is at Guadalupe. It was denied at the Mexican consulate that the bill up for consideration would abolish a Republican form of government, declaring that it seriously

# LEADERS OF CONGRESS OPPOSE PRESIDENT'S DEMAND FOR POWER

Proposal to Give President Authority to Reorganize All Executive Departments Is Denounced by Senator Gallinger as Abolition of Republican Form of Government; Democrats Also Oppose.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The administration's answer to congressional agitation for a war cabinet and munitions directorate, made in the form of a senate bill giving president Wilson blanket authority to reorganize all executive departments, lent a new aspect today to the controversy over war efficiency.

The controversy was renewed in the senate and begun in the house with Senator Shields prepared to oppose the committee's bill for a war cabinet and representative Glass ready to defend the war department in the house.

Many Leaders Oppose.—Bitter opposition outspoken by Republican leaders, who by many Democrats was voiced today against the measure. Some of the latter, while refusing to be quoted, declared the bill probably could not be passed, even favorably reported from the judiciary committee.

"The bill would abolish a Republican form of government," said Republican leader Gallinger, declaring that it seriously

# PEACE TO PEACEMAKERS SUBMARINE CAPTIVES TO PIPIERS

"Damage" Each Other's Lines To Prevent News From Getting Out.

BOLSHEVIKI AND GERMANS ANGRY

Poles Are In Revolt and Russians Have Cut Off Their Supplies.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 7.—The assumption of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk today, if it occurs, will take place in a fog of vague reports and contradictions as far as the outside world is concerned.

Statements in many German newspapers indicate a probable breach between the Germans and the Bolsheviks and the conclusion of a separate arrangement between the central powers and the Ukrainians on the situation comes from Russian sources.

Wires Are "Damaged."—A dispatch from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News under Tuesday's date says there has been no direct telegraphic news received from Brest-Litovsk for four days. The German allegations that the Russians had been "damaged" the direct wire between Petrograd and Brest-Litovsk.

Foreign minister Trotsky is reported to be at Brest-Litovsk, but nothing has been heard from him.

Supplies Cut Off From Poles.—Petrograd, Russia, Feb. 7.—Ensign Kryzhenko, Bolshevik commander in chief, has ordered that all supplies be cut off from the Polish legion in the Russian army and declared an outlaw. He appeals to all Bolsheviks to leave Polish command.

A wireless dispatch received at Berlin from Kiev forwarded to Amsterdam, Tuesday, said Ensign Kryzhenko and his staff had been arrested by the insurgent Poles.

# SUBMARINE BLOWN TO PIECES AFTER TUSCANA TRAGEDY

DESTROYER GOES AFTER U-BOAT WITH DEPTH BOMBS AND MINES

American Officer, Next to Last to Leave Sinking Transport, Describes Subsequent Action in Which a Destroyer, Immediately After U-Boat Pierces Tuscania With Bomb, Delivers a Brilliant Attack.

LONDON, Ireland, Feb. 7.—The submarine which torpedoed Tuscania, conveying American troops to England, was attacked by a destroyer afterward. An American officer gave an intimate description of the action immediately before the torpedo struck us in the engine room.

Ship Instantly Disabled.—"We were instantly disabled. All the lights went out. An order rang out sending the troops to their boat stations and to get the life boats out. The shock was not severe. It was a crunching-in feeling that went through the ship that of a direct blow. The only two survivors were a score of lifeboats from the height of an upper deck in the darkness without some confusion, but at no time was there a panic."

Proof of the order which prevailed on the Tuscania was given by the landing of two typhoid and two pneumonia cases without delay.

The survivors are proud of the way they were saved. The only two women on the Tuscania. They went down a rope in fine style, laughing.

CUNARD AURANIA IS TORPEDOED; NOT SUNK

New York, Feb. 7.—The Cunard liner Aurania, 12,400 tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine, with the loss of 101 lives, while en route to the United States. It was learned from officials of the Cunard line today.

The disaster occurred at a point where the ship was making her way back to port with a full cargo of government supplies. It was said the ship carried but little cargo.

## City Gets A Lower Rate On Insurance

Final Fire Rate Cut Three Percent For Fine Record In El Paso.

According to information that has just been received from Austin, Tex., a reduction of three percent on the final rate of fire insurance has been granted El Paso by the state fire insurance commission. This rate is granted for a good fire record based on the past three years.

This credit applies on all policies issued after January 1, 1918, and extends to December 31, 1918. The rate of fire loss was 3.46 percent of the insurance for the period named. The credit applies on property in El Paso, only.

## Says Could Make It Less

Chief J. W. Wray of the fire department is much pleased with the report from Austin. He says there is hardly any reason why the credit next year should not be greater than the present one. The fire department is going to make special effort to reduce fire losses this year and he thinks it is the patriotic duty of every American to do all they can to assist the department.

"If the people of El Paso will take the advice of the fire marshal and the captain, and clean up their places, removing trash and rubbish from their premises, and clean up the fire loss will be less than it ever has been before," Chief Wray said.

## MALCOLM FRASER IN DENVER TO ORGANIZE MANUFACTURERS

Malcolm A. Fraser, formerly secretary of the El Paso chamber of commerce, more recently private secretary to Gov. Thomas R. Campbell, of Arizona, has been engaged as state organizer of the Colorado Manufacturers' association, resident at Denver. He will start movement for more war business for the Colorado factories.

## Son Shades Him—Dies

Madison, Wis., Feb. 7.—White being shaved by his son Frank Farnsworth, 68, expired in a barber chair here. Heart disease was the cause.

## "Over The Top" And After The German; Watch For It

BEGINNING shortly in The El Paso Herald, one of the most interesting accounts of the great world war will be printed. It will relate the personal experiences of a man who has been in the thickest of it—Capt. E. Derby Holmes, of Boston, serving in the 22d London battalion of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Corporal Holmes went through what YOU, Mr. Soldier, and what YOUR son or husband, reader, will have to go through in France. The story is an intimate picture of what happens when a man gets into that belt of action on the western front. For every soldier who expects to go to war and for every relative of a soldier who expects to go, this should prove a most absorbing, interesting narrative.

Charges "over the top," charges in the great "tanks," aviation experiences, fighting the water and mud and rats in the trenches, all these are told by a man who "has been there." You can't imagine what is in the story until you read the first instalments, to appear in a few days.

## MEXICO SAYS BIG RANCHERS KILLED 15 MEN, 15 BOYERS

Protest Is Made Through Ambassador Bonillas to State Department Texas Posse Killed Mexicans Believing Them to Have Been Brite Ranch Raiders; Mexico Says They Were Merely Looking for Work.

FORMAL protest has been made to the American state department, through ambassador Ygnacio Bonillas because of the killing of 15 Mexican citizens at Fortuna, Texas, January 13, by a posse of armed and mounted men, believed to have been residents of the Big Bend district of Texas, it was announced Thursday at the Mexican general consulate here. This is the first information received of the occurrence.

Pervin is 40 miles northwest of Presidio, Texas, on the Rio Grande, opposite El Comodoro, Chihuahua. The men shot were all Mexican citizens, acting as general Sandoval stated, and had come from Chihuahua to the Big Bend district. The remainder of the Mexican population of the little town fled across the Rio Grande to El Comodoro, and were taken to Col. Eduardo Porcayo for protection from the posse, the report forwarded to ambassador Bonillas stated.

The names of the men claimed to have been taken out and shot by the posse, as given at the general consulate, include: Antonio Castaneda, Longino Flores, Pedro Morales, Hilario Morales, Manuel Morales, Antonio Morales, Ambrosio Hernandez, Alberto Garcia, Tiburcio Jaques, Ramon Roman Nieves, Scarpio Jimenez, Pedro Jimenez, Juan Jimenez and Maximiano Huerta.

Claim They Were Brite Clothing.—The ranch owner, the shooting of the 15 Mexican citizens was said by acting consul general Sandoval to have been a suspicion that the men had participated in the Brite ranch raid on Christmas day, in which three men, including one American, were killed.

It was claimed here by ranchers from the Big Bend district that all of the 15 men who were clothing which had been taken from the Brite ranch store during the raid, but this was not verified.

## CARRANZA SENDS CORDIAL MESSAGE TO THE KAISER

London, Eng., Feb. 7.—Most cordial

## FINNISH RED GUARD HAS SEIZED TAMMERFORS, REPORT

London, England, Feb. 4.—The Finnish Red Guard has surrounded Tammerfors, and defeated Gen. Mannerheim, commander of the government forces in Finland, according to a dispatch from the Russian official news agency in Petrograd. Gen. Mannerheim's forces are said to be in retreat with the Red Guards in pursuit.

The order against the importation of lumber was announced some days ago.

The operations of the El Paso Mills company, employing about 600 men, has not been affected yet, it was stated at noon Thursday.

## NIEUW AMSTERDAM ARRIVES

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 7.—The Holland American line steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, which sailed from Rotterdam January 25, after long delay in that harbor, arrived here yesterday. The liner had on board a large number of passengers, among them 29 Americans.

## Husband Joy Rides; Wife Wrecks Saloon

Long Island City, N. Y., Feb. 7.—When Mrs. Mae von Briesen discovered her husband had gone "joy riding" in an automobile last night east of Amsterdams, capturing several prisoners and machine guns, says today's war office report "Our canities were light."

The hostile artillery has shown some activity southwest of Cambrai and south of Lens.

# Nearly Billion Dollars Year Is Guaranteed to Railroad Security Owners By U. S. Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Chairman Smith, of the senate interstate commerce committee, in reporting favorably to the senate today the administration railroad bill, estimated that under the measure's provisions the government will guarantee annually to the railroads of the country \$450,000,000, which will represent a return of 5.33 percent. "This," he said, "reflects neither poverty nor riches," but the committee believes a majority of the railroads will accept these terms as a just and fair measure of their contribution to the nation.

## Return Bonds 15 Months After Peace

Discussing the provision inserted by the committee providing for the termination of government control 15 months after the peace proclamation has been issued, the report says: "It is possible that certain conditions may arise from federal control which will need adjustment before the property can be returned to the owners, and a reasonable period to intervene to which these conditions may be met, and the property returned to the owners, is necessary. The committee believes that the nation will be unwilling to return to the conditions obtaining before the termination of federal control. Legislation may be demanded, radically changing the relation of the government to the railroads from that now existing. The committee believes that act as amended. Your committee has suggested a period of 15 months and questions may be found adequate for that purpose."

## President May Relinquish Some Bonds

There also is a provision to the effect that the president may, prior to July 1, next, relinquish control of such transportation systems as he may deem not useful or desirable, and may, thereafter, on agreement, relinquish all or any part of any system of transportation. The committee also contains a general provision that the president may relinquish all railroads at any time he may deem such action to be needed or desirable.

## LOCAL RAIL DIRECTORS TO BE APPOINTED SOON

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—State or local railroad directors will be appointed soon in a number of communities of the congested east by direction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The directors will be representatives of state public utility commissions.

## Germans Have Two More Days To Register

At Police Station 83 Have Complied With The Recent Order.

Saturday will be the last day that German enemy aliens may register with the police department. Already 83 Germans living in this city, who are not naturalized citizens of the United States, have registered.

The work of registering is progressing nicely. There has been no trouble so far, and all who have applied have come prepared with the necessary photos and are ready to make out the affidavits.

Many Germans who have taken out their first papers have come to the police stations for information regarding the registration and others, not thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the law, applied for assistance.

Everything possible is being done by the alien and enemy alien special representative of the department of justice to assist the alien and enemy alien.

## LIVERPOOL TROOPS RAID GERMANS, TAKING GUNS

London, Eng., Feb. 7.—Liverpool troops carried out a successful raid last night east of Amsterdams, capturing several prisoners and machine guns, says today's war office report "Our canities were light."

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## The War At A Glance

AMERICAN soldiers to the number of about 185 are believed to have been lost in the sinking of the British liner Tuscania, torpedoed off the coast by a German submarine.

2171 American troops on board. 2181 officers and men have been accounted for as survivors, according to British admiralty dispatches.

Early reports led to fears that 1900 men might have been lost, but official dispatches to Washington raised the number of saved among the troops to more than 1900 and the later British official advices still further increased the total.

All told, it appears from the official reports that 185 men, including the crew, of these, the total rescued is given as 2181, including 141 of the crew, three passengers and 22 persons not specified in the reports, making the total loss of life so far as is known 210.

The Tuscania, was conveyed by British troops and freight to America. The ship was largely for national guardmen from Michigan and Wisconsin.

The Tuscania, of 14,348 tons, was the first ship carrying American troops to be sunk by submarine. The ship was carrying 2171 American troops and 2181 officers and men. The ship was torpedoed last October while returning to the United States.

A German submarine also has sunk the British freighter Aurania, of 12,400 tons. The freighter went down off the English coast with the loss of six men. All the Americans on board, including the gun crew, were saved.

Shipping Losses Fairly Heavy.—The British shipping line, due to submarines or mines, aggregated 15 vessels, including 19 men, more than 1600 tons, for the first week of February. Italy lost one large steamer during the week ending February 2, and two large and one small French merchantmen were sunk in the same period.

On the battlefield in France, the German artillery continues active in Flanders, the Arras-Cambrai sector in Champagne. On the American sector the artillery action is lively. Only the artillery has been active on the Italian front.

American Shoot Down Enemy Planes.—Enemy aviators are still busy dropping bombs on German military establishments. One of two American flyers in a French bomber squadron brought down an enemy machine and shot down a German plane. The American pilot, who was shot down, was rescued by British troops. The German pilot was killed.

Parleys at Brest-Litovsk.—Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk between the central powers and Russia and the Ukraine are expected to be resumed today. After his victory at Ulaiborg and the capture of Tammerfors, Gen. Mannerheim, commander of the forces of the Finnish diet, is reported to have been defeated at Tammerfors by Finnish revolutionaries.

## CASUALTY LIST CUT TO 101

OF THEM MOST WERE SAVERS

Earlier Figures, Placing the Missing From the Sunken Transport Tuscania at 210 Are Now Revised; Convoys Ships Quickly Rescue American Sailors From Death at Sea.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 7.—The loss of life on the Tuscania is now estimated at only 101. This total is given in a dispatch from a correspondent of the Associated Press in Ireland and subsequently was confirmed by the American embassy.

A majority of the lost are believed to be members of the crew. In one place there are 530 survivors of whom 418 are in a hospital. At another there are 1350 survivors, 80 of them in hospitals.

The admiralty announced late this afternoon that 80 survivors had reached a Scottish port.

## WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—

Torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, the Cunard liner Tuscania, bearing 2173 officers and men of the 32d national guard division, lies at the bottom of the north Atlantic ocean today and at least 158 soldiers are missing.

On the basis of figures reported to the war and state departments here the total missing would be 210 soldiers and crew.

## British Convoys Near the Torpedoed Ship Closed in Quick and Adroit Work, as the Comparative Small Number of Losses Shows.

The position of the Tuscania off the north coast of Ireland, evidently headed for England, also was such that numbers of British patrol ships and other vessels rushed to her side and in that way the losses were minimized.

Such reports as were at hand early today gave no details of how the British transport, supposedly heavily convoyed, fell in with the submarine. That the ship stumbled on the submarine rather than that the disaster was the first shot in the much advertised German offensive against the line of American troops and supplies, which arrived at Port Ellen, Islay, Scotland, was more probable.

Second Lieut. Frank L. Maker, engineer, the following belonged to the ship: E. sixth battalion, 20th engineers.

First Lieut. Schweissinger, Sergt. Harter, A. Kelly, Corp. Howard E. Bullock, Corp. William A. Cherry, Pvt. Alva Bowman, Dale O. Hazlett, William A. Hickins and Charles H. Ineck.

Others arriving at day were: Pts. Harry A. Keeler, Lloyd Led-

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Following are the approximate numbers saved: United States military officers 76; men 1255.

Crew, officers 14; men 125.

Passengers three.

Not specified 22.

The total number aboard, 2187. Total saved, 2294.

The foregoing are approximate figures, but are correct as can be given at present.

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A number of survivors, including the second officer of the Tuscania, were landed at a Scottish port.

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